



Anna Whiting Sorrell

Director

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Anna Whiting Sorrell, an enrolled member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, is the Director of the Billings Area of the Indian Health Service (IHS). The IHS, an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services, is the principal federal health care advocate and provider for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

In this position, Ms. Whiting Sorrell provides leadership to the Billings Area and oversees the delivery of health care to more than 65,000 American Indian and Alaska Native users on seven reservations in Montana and one in Wyoming. The Billings Area has health care facilities ranging from full-service hospitals on the Blackfoot, Crow, and Fort Belknap reservations to smaller service units and health centers, as well as five urban health programs.

Prior to joining federal service, Ms. Whiting Sorrell served as an appointee of Governor Brian Schweitzer of Montana as a health and family policy adviser, and also in the Governor's Cabinet as Director of the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. Before working for the state of Montana, Ms. Whiting Sorrell was employed by the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes for 25 years. She worked as a teacher at Two Eagle River School, administered the alcohol and substance abuse program, consolidated the health care delivery system, and worked in tribal administration.

In 2012, Ms. Whiting Sorrell was awarded the Kenneth W. Moore Community Award of Excellence by Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies in recognition of her efforts to improve the safety and well-being of Montana's children, families, and communities. She was also named State Employee of the Year in 2009 by the Interagency Coordinating Council for Women.

Ms. Whiting Sorrell graduated from the University of Montana in Missoula with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a Master of Public Administration degree.